

**REMARKS**

The present reissue application, wherein claims 1-36 are pending, seeks to correct errors in claims 18 and 33.

Entry of the above amendments to claims 18 and 33 is requested to fix ambiguities in the claims that render the original patent wholly or partly inoperative or invalid. By the present amendment, in claim 18 the phrase "an electrode composed of..." has been amended to "an electrode disk composed of..." in order to provide proper antecedent basis for "a support ring bonded about the periphery of one face of *the disk*". Support for this amendment is found in the specification at column 3, line 52 through column 4, line 2.

Further, by the present amendment, the phrase "wherein the material of the electrode plate has a higher coefficient of thermal expansion than that of the electrode plate" has been changed to remove the ambiguity of an electrode plate having a higher coefficient than the same electrode plate. Specifically, the first "electrode plate" has been changed to "support ring". Support for this amendment is found in the specification at column 6, line 67 through column 7, line 2.

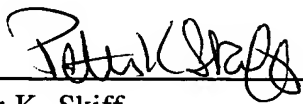
Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

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